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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SCOTT M. STILLWELL, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0008311

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MED 118

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Scott M. Stillwell, M.D.
Green Bay, WI 54302

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-f8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Scott M. Stillwell, M.D., (Year of Birth 1958) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 27813-20, first issued on July 1, 1986, with registration current through October 31, 2023. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent practiced family medicine at a clinic in De Pere, Wisconsin (Clinic).

3. In January 2022, the Clinic discovered that in May-June 2021, Respondent had used a medical assistant's credentials without authorization to log into the Wisconsin Immunization

Registry (WIR) and falsely report that he, his wife, and their children had received the COVID-19 vaccination at the Clinic.

4. The WIR is an internet database administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services that tracks vaccine records for Wisconsin children and adults. The vaccine records are treated as patient health care records and cannot be accessed by the public.

5. Respondent, his wife, and their children had not been vaccinated against COVID-19 and the Clinic did not administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

6. On February 24, 2022, Respondent admitted to the Clinic's Board of Directors that he entered the false information into the WIR and then resigned.

7. Respondent provided a statement to the Department admitting that he made false entries in the WIR because colleges and hospitals were mandating vaccination against COVID-19, and he was against these mandates due to his concern with the vaccine's safety. He further stated that he and his family had acquired "natural immunity," and, therefore, there was no harm to the public. Respondent maintains that after the Clinic discovered the false entries, he asked Clinic staff to remove them.

8. Respondent's conduct created an unacceptable risk of harm to the public. Respondent's falsification of patient records showing positive vaccination status potentially allowed he and his family to participate and/or attend public places or events, possibly exposing others to COVID-19. In addition, Respondent's actions undermined public trust in the medical profession and the statewide vaccination registry system.

9. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(1)(e) by knowingly, negligently, or recklessly making any false statement, written or oral, in the practice of medicine and surgery which creates an unacceptable risk of harm to a patient, the public, or both.

3. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(i) by violating or being convicted of any law or rules of this state, or of any other state, or any federal law or regulation that is substantially related to the practice of medicine and surgery.

4. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 146.83(4)(a), no person may intentionally falsify a patient health care record.

5. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent's license and registration to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin (license number 27813-20) is **SUSPENDED** for thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.
3. Respondent's license and registration to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin (license number 27813-20) is **LIMITED** as follows:
 - a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at his own expense, successfully complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of professional ethics offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the course(s).
 - b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
 - c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
 - d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license and registration after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all the ordered education.
4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay **COSTS** of this matter in the amount of \$1,062.00.
5. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license and registration (number 27813-20), or Respondent's right to renew his license and registration, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Sharon A. Wagerman, MD
A Member of the Board

12/21/22
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008311

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MED 118

Respondent Scott M. Stillwell, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney William Wick.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not

accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Scott M. Stillwell, M.D., Respondent
Green Bay, WI 54302
License No. 27813-20

11/22/2022

Date



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11/28/2022

Date



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11/29/2022

Date